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FORMER POSTAL OFFICIAL INDICTED

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that the former officer in charge of the Freeburg, Mo., Post Office was indicted by a federal grand jury today for misappropriating postal funds.

Kathryn M. Doerhoff, 42, of Jefferson City, Mo., was charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Jefferson City. **Doerhoff** served as Officer in Charge of the Freeburg Post Office from Feb. 1 to May 6, 2005. In that capacity, Graves explained, she served in the short-term capacity as postmaster and was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Post Office under her control. Prior to that, **Doerhoff** worked as a clerk at the Jefferson City Post Office.

Today's indictment alleges that **Doerhoff** misappropriated and converted to her own use \$15,547 in postal funds that came into her possession in the execution of her duties as a Postal Service employee.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jim Lynn. It was investigated by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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